

Application No. : 10/062,859
Amdt. Dated : October 17, 2003
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REMARKS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful and thoughtful examination of the present application. By way of summary, Claims 1-89 were pending in this application. In the present amendment, the Applicants have canceled Claims 1-3, 31-38, 40-41, 47-49, 51-61, 63-66, 68-70, 72-77, 79-84, and 86-89 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amended Claims 4, 6, 27-30, 39, 42, 50, 62, 67, 71, 78, and 85. Accordingly, Claims 4-30, 39, 42-46, 50, 62, 67, 71, 78, and 85 remain pending for consideration.

Allowable Subject Matter - Claims 4, 7-17, 21-26, 28, 39, 42, 50, 62, 67, 71, 78, and 85

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 23-26.

The Applicants also thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 4, 7-17, 21-22, 28, 39, 42, 50, 62, 67, 71, 78, and 85. Pursuant to the Office Action, the Applicants have rewritten Claims 4, 39, 42, 50, 62, 67, 71, 78, and 85 into independent form to include all of the limitations of the corresponding base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claims 4, 39, 42, 50, 62, 67, 71, 78, and 85 are in condition for allowance. Moreover, the Applicants submit that the pending dependent claims are allowable for their dependency and for the feature recited therein.

Request For Telephone Interview

In view of the forgoing, the present application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If further issues remain to be resolved, the Applicants' undersigned attorney of record hereby formally requests a telephone interview with the Examiner. The Applicants' attorney can be reached at (949) 721-2946 or at the number listed below.

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In addition, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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